

Remarks

Claims 1-15 are pending.

Claims 1-8 are allowed.

Claims 9-15 are rejected.

Claims 9 and 11-13 are amended.

Claims 1-15 are submitted herein for review.

No new matter has been added.

In the Office Action, the Examiner has objected to the specification because the specification lacks the necessary section headers and the abstract contains an unnecessary term. Applicants have amended the specification and abstract accordingly and respectfully request that the objection to the specification be withdrawn.

Regarding the rejection of claims 9-15 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, Applicants have amended claims 9 and 11-13 to address the Examiner rejections. In particular, claim 9 has been amended to be placed into proper independent format by adding the subject matter from claim 1 where appropriate.

Claim 10 is unchanged and properly depends from independent claim 9. Claims 11 and 12 have been amended to properly depend from claim 9. Claim 13 has been amended to be placed into proper independent format by adding the subject matter from claim 1 where appropriate. Claims 14 and 15 remain unchanged and properly depend ultimately from independent claim 13.

Applicants further note that claims 1-8 are allowed. Furthermore, Applicants note that clarified independent claims 9 and 13 each contain the subject matter of allowed claim 1.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that pending claims 1-15

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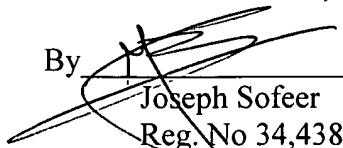
are in condition for allowance, the earliest possible notice of which is earnestly solicited.

If the Examiner feels that an interview would facilitate the prosecution of this Application they are invited to contact the undersigned at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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